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- 2 32. (Amended) A method comprising:
- 2 receiving a first incoming call signal destined for a first communications server for
- 3 processing of an audio message into a digital representation;
- 4 determining if a first condition has occurred;
- 5 redirecting the first incoming call signal from the first communications server to a second
- 6 communications server based on the determining of the first condition, wherein the incoming call
- 7 signal includes an inbound address;
- 8 extracting the inbound address;
- 9 determining, based on the inbound address, a user account status and a destination on a
- 10 packet switched network; and,
- 11 sending the digital representation to the destination.

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- 1 ¹⁹ 39. (Amended) The method of claim ¹³ [38]32, where the inbound address is a circuit
- 2 destination address.
- 1 ²⁰ 40. (Amended) The method of claim ¹³ [38]32, further including validating the inbound address.

REMARKS

Claims 19-42 were examined and reported in the office action. Claims 27 and 38 are cancelled. Claims 19, 27-28, 32, and 39-40 are amended. Claims 19-42 were rejected in the Office Action. Claims 19-26, 28-37 and 39-42 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and the following remarks.

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I. 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner rejects claims 19-42 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,946,386 issued to Rogers et al ("Rogers"). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants' amended claim 19 contains the limitations of "wherein each communications server further comprises a trunk line interface to extract the inbound address and stores the inbound address, a set of final destination addresses and account status, and the message processing resource is further configured to determine, based on the inbound address, a user account and a destination on a packet switched network and send the digital representation to the destination." Applicants' amended claim 32 contains the limitations of "determining, based on the inbound address, a user account status and a destination on a packet switched network."

Rogers does not disclose that each communications server stores the inbound address, a set of final destination addresses and account status, nor does Rogers disclose the message processing resource is further configured to determine, based on the inbound address, a user account and a destination on a packet switched network. Moreover, Rogers does not disclose the limitation of determining, based on the inbound address, a user account status.

Since Rogers does not teach or suggest the limitations of applicants' amended claims 19 and 32, as stated above, claims 19 and 32 are not anticipated by Rogers. Additionally, since claims 20-28, and 29-31 depends on claim 19, and claims 33-37, and 39-42 depend on claim 32, claims 20-27, 29-31, 33-37, and 39-42 also would not be anticipated by Rogers for the same reasons stated above.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection for claims 19-42 is

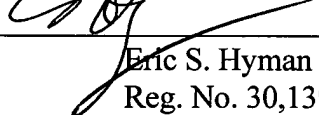
respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely 19-26, 28-37 and 39-42, are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,
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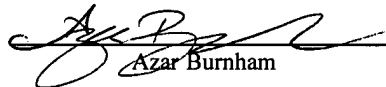
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